



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Division File

FROM: Glenn Sternard *gjs*

SUBJECT: 03144015 - Cook County - Elk Grove Village/Film Recovery

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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On April 14, 1983, I met Howard Chinn of the Illinois A.G.'s Office in order to complete our investigation of known storage sites of the Film Recovery "plastic chips".

We met at HBE Trailer Corp., 15W580 Frontage Road, Hinsdale, Ill. We spoke with Al Kleiva, Operations Mgr. and Eric Elrod, Sales Representative.

The following trucks contained FRS chips at this site:

13846	Strick #194116
14250	Trailmobile H60386 - Broken in middle w/chips on ground
14780	Strick #119661

Samples were obtained as follows:

X216	From 13846
X217	From 14250 - inside trailer

The site also has several empty trailers still on lease to FRS although empty, they are on account until damages are repaired/paid.

14242	62913 Gindy
14336	H90967 Trailmobile
13508	79303 Gindy
13533	40872 Great Dane (in Possession of FRS)

The company previously had as many as 15 trailers on lease to FRS. Film Recovery is presently 3-4 months behind in payments and HBE has turned this matter over to their attorney - Robert Walinsk, 332-7279. HBE wants to recover damages, repair on trailers.

The final site which was known to have trailers on site was American Interstate Leasing, 1111 W. Pershing, Chicago. We spoke to George Kluetsch, Jr., President. Mr. Kluetsch stated that the trailers were not on site but were stored at the now closed Aldens warehouse on Roosevelt Road west of Cicero Avenue. The trailers are located behind (north of) the building, along RR tracks. Mr. Kluetsch after several telephone calls stated that we could sample the trailers and the guard on site would allow us access to the trailers.

He stated that he began renting to Film Recovery in October, 1981 (much like the other leasing firms). He further stated that FRS had ceased payment about 4 months ago. He has referred the FRS account to his legal advisor, Sid Morris.

Mr. Kluetsch stated that BIL-MAC (775-3666) cartage would, in the past, move the trailers when required by FRS.

Mr. Kluetsch stated that it was apparently well known throughout the industry that Film Recovery had become a problem.

Currently on lease from American Interstate:

Amer. Inter. #	Mfg.	Serial #
8-40	N/A	No #
9-40	N/A	No #
24-38	N/A	No #
46-40	Highway	645329
49-40	Monon	No #
56-40	Monon	No #
60-40	Trailmobile	H91154
62-40	Trailmobile	H91155
66-40	Trailmobile	H91161 Empty
72-40	Trailmobile	H91167
75-40	Trailmobile	J90115
79-40	Trailmobile	J90102
80-40	Trailmobile	J90109
89-40	Trailmobile	J90116
92-40	Trailmobile	J90107
93-40	Trailmobile	J90106
105-40	Trailmobile	J92976
112-40	Trailmobile	J92984
113-40	Trailmobile	J92981
116-40	Trailmobile	K95436
117-40	Trailmobile	K95444
119-40	Trailmobile	K95449
112-40	Trailmobile	K55451
136-40	Dorsey	86245
140-40	Brown	M720588
141-40	N/A	99740

Also several other trailers, empty:

Hajek 911 Strick
I-20557 Thuerer
Il. Mobile Leasing 3540R (blue)
Fruehauf Mak205959 C&OZ 202559

Samples obtained as follows:

X218 46-40
X219 49-40

We also contacted the following sites without success as follows:

Transport Pool: West Chicago, telephone, Wayne, none on site, previously had approx. 20. Felt that the company was storing the plastic in an abandoned airport hanger in W. Chicago.

5444 W. 3rd St., Chicago, in person, Steven Chopik, none stored on site.

Gilflex: 376-9950 Dave-telephone contact. None on site.

Crown Trailer: 813 W. 23rd, Chicago, in person, John Giacomini, no knowledge of material, has not rented to FRS.

American Truck Leasing: 815 W. Pershing, Chicago, in person, Edward Levitt, never rented to FRS, none on site.

Samples X216 - X219 were delivered to IEPA Chicago Lab on 4/15/83 by Glenn Sernard.

In conversation with H. Chinn, it was noted that the contact name which the property owner of buildings in Dixon, Ill. has (location of FRS storage/proposed recovery operation) is Donald Jacks. A Donald Jacks apparently leased trucks to FRS (see 4/8/83 memo). He no longer leases trucks but has a new business which requires him to spend much of his time out of state, according to the person contacted at 934-0414, (listed as D. Jack's telephone number). Any possible connection may warrant investigation to determine if this is the same D. Jacks.

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cc: Northern Region
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